GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Barcoding on Drugs
Vichare Shri Rajan Baburao

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Drug and Cosmetics Act to make barcoding mandatory for pharma products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (c): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had, with a view to establish trackability and traceability of drugs, issued a draft notification on 03.06.2015 to make barcoding compulsory on the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary packs to be marketed in the country and invited objections and suggestions from the stakeholders. The notification was, however, not finalized keeping in view the reservations of manufacturers regarding high cost of bar coding.
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